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SUBJECT: PROPOSED JACKSONVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IOGA TRADE MISSION

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1. POST APPRECIATES INTEREST OF JACKSONVILLE COFC IN ORGANIZING SUBJECT MISSION, BUT HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT DISPLAY PRODUCTS ALL OF WHICH REQUIRE JAMAICAN IMPORT LICENSES FOR ENTRY.
2. SINCE GOJ EFFORTS STILL CONCENTRATED ON DEVELOPMENTAL SECTORS OF ECONOMY E.G. AGRICULTURE, IRRIGATION, HOUSING AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION, THE TRADE ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANTING LICENSES WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO PRODUCTS WHICH ARE SERVICE-INDUSTRY OR CONSUMER ORIENTED. FURTHERMORE, THE GOJ PROTECTS LOCALLY MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS FROM COMPETING PRODUCTS OF FOREIGN ORIGIN. SINCE MOST OF TRADE MISSION'S DISPLAY GOODS ALREADY MADE LOCALLY, COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS WOULD BE LIMITED IN A MARKET ALREADY SERVED BY JAMAICAN INDUSTRY.
3. FINALLY, POST BELIEVES TIMING OF MISSION MAY BE PREMATURE. ALTHOUGH GOJ HAS EASED IMPORT RESTRICTIONS TWICE IN 1974, FURTHER RELAXATION AFFECTING IMPORTATION OF ITEMS TO BE PROMOTED SUBJECT MISSION WOULD DEPEND ON

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GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF ECONOMIC SITUATION IN EARLY 1975.

4. COMMERCIAL STAFF PREPARED ASSIST PROPOSED MISSION, BUT IN VIEW OF ABOVE RECOMMENDS RECONSIDERATION OF TIMING AND PRODUCT MIX. IN ADDITION, TRADE MISSION MEMBERS WOULD REQUIRE BUSINESS VISAS WHICH MAY NOT BE PROMPTLY GRANTED DUE TO COMPETITIVE NATURE MISSION'S PRODUCTS WITH LOCALLY MANUFACTURED GOODS.

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